

# **Code of Conduct**

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# Purpose

This Code of Conduct is a framework, which aims to ensure all PGW Group team members are aware of the standards of conduct expected within our business, both legally and ethically. It also serves as a working guide for employees to do the right thing when making decisions in daily activities.

The Code contains minimum expectations for how PGW Group team members should apply PGW Group Values (specified in Appendix and outlined in the position description issued to PGW employees) across all of our business practices.

## Statement of Commitment

PGW is committed to ensuring that all of its people act honestly, with integrity, in PGW's best interests and in accordance with the law at all times.

PGW's Board of Directors will set high standards of ethical behaviour, model this behaviour and hold management accountable for these standards being followed throughout PGW.

Those acting on PGW's behalf are expected to comply with PGW's policies, standards, guidelines, directives and procedures (collectively referred to as 'Policies') and act honestly, conscientiously, reasonably and in good faith at all times, having regard for their responsibilities, the interests of PGW and the well-being of colleagues and other stakeholders.

# Key points

All team members are expected to observe and practice ethical behaviours and conduct that is aligned with the PGW Company Values.

Areas detailed include:

- Comply with Standards
- Behave in a Professional Manner
- Ensure your own and others' safety and well-being in the workplace, and protect the environment
- Avoid and/or disclose any Conflict of Interest
- Protect PGW Group Assets
- Proper Attention and Personal Responsibility
- Communications
- Preserve Confidentiality

Disregard of, or failure to comply with, the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, up to and including summary dismissal, for employees, and termination of contract for independent contractors and consultants.

# Scope

This Code of Conduct applies to all PGG Wrightson Group businesses and PGW Team members. PGW Team members include: directors and officers, permanent and fixed term employees, temporary and casual workers, independent contractors (including Real Estate and Livestock agents), and any third-party contractors or sub-contractors (including consultants).

PGW businesses include: PGG Wrightson Ltd, business units, its subsidiaries, associated companies over which PGW has significant influence and joint ventures.

This Code of Conduct applies to PGW Team members whenever you are working for or representing the PGW Group, including outside normal business hours (e.g. at work functions or industry functions or wearing company branded clothing). It forms part of the terms and conditions of employment and engagement with PGW in regards to the overarching requirement for employees to comply with company policies and procedures.

# **Policy Statement**

You are expected to observe the highest standard of ethics and conduct, in alignment with the PGW Company Values.

While these values and standards highlight important areas of business conduct, they should in no way be considered an exhaustive list. Use these as direction on what PGW values and holds as key principles to guide your behaviour and decision making (further guidance can be found at Appendix 1.2):

### 1. Comply with Standards

You are required to comply with:

- i. All applicable laws and regulations (see section 9 below for further information).
- ii. All codes, handbooks, guidelines, employment agreement, policies and procedures published by the PGW Group.
- iii. Any lawful and reasonable directions given by management or a person in a situational position of authority (e.g. fire warden or a safety and wellbeing representative).

#### 2. Behave in an Ethical and Professional Manner

You are required to:

- i. Behave in a way that upholds the PGW Company Values and PGW's good reputation. Act honestly, in the best interests of PGW and as required by law, and with personal integrity in all actions. Be accountable and responsible for your actions. Ensure you are not bringing the PGW Group into disrepute by your actions. Maintain public confidence in our professionalism and integrity.
- ii. Perform all work duties as outlined and to the standards set out by management and/or as set out in your position description.
- iii. Treat customers, suppliers, other PGW team members and all other persons using or associated with the PGW Group with respect, courtesy and dignity.

## 3. Ensure your own and others' Safety and Wellbeing in the workplace and protect the environment

- Further detailed in the PGW Company Values, Health, Safety & Wellbeing Policy and Environment Policy

You must:

- i. Take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure your own safety and wellbeing while at work and avoid adversely affecting the safety and health of others.
- ii. Ensure you are fit for work and in a condition to perform your duties safely, which includes, but is not limited to, not being affected by drugs or alcohol.
- iii. Understand PGW's five fundamental safety and wellbeing beliefs that;
  - a. No job is so important it cannot be done safely;
  - b. All occupational injuries and illnesses can be prevented;

- Excellence in safety and well-being is compatible with excellence in other business
  parameters such as quality, productivity, efficiency and profitability; they are mutually
  supportive;
- d. Safe, healthy employees have a positive impact on all operations and customers, and enhance credibility in the community; and
- e. Safety is an integral part of everything we do.
- iv. Do business in an environmentally responsible manner and identify environmental risks and seek to mitigate adverse environmental impacts that arise out of our operations.

# **4.** Avoid and/or disclose any Conflicts of Interest (real or apparent) - Further detailed in the PGW Conflict of Interest Policy

- i. You should perform your authorised functions in the best interests of the PGW Group and in good faith, honestly and impartially. You should avoid situations that might, or might appear to, compromise your ability to perform your work in the best interests of the PGW Group and/or lead to conflicts of interest. You must not use your position, or PGW information, for personal benefit independent from PGW's business, or to benefit any other business or person. You must declare conflicts of interest and proactively advise of any potential conflicts.
- ii. Directors may not participate in Board discussions or vote on matters in which he or she has a conflict of interest.
- iii. Under no circumstances may bribes be accepted. Any attempted bribes need to be reported immediately to the GM Corporate Affairs. The acceptance of gifts and gratuities (in the normal course of business) should comply with specifications as set out in the DLA Policy (for example, where gifts are given that are of value in order to influence employees and directors, such gifts should not be accepted).
- 5. **Protect PGW Group Assets (Receipt and Use of Corporate Assets and Property) -** Further detailed in PGW Fraud Prevention and Response Policy

You must:

- i. Use your best endeavours to protect PGW Group assets and property from loss, damage, misuse, waste and theft.
- ii. Ensure that PGW Group assets, time, funds, information and resources are used only for the legitimate authorised/intended business purposes of PGW and in accordance with appropriate policies and authorisations.

### 6. Proper Attention and Personal Responsibility

- i. You will give proper attention to all matters that come before you and will create an open communication environment that results in all material items being brought to the attention of the appropriate management.
- ii. Further, you are responsible for keeping yourself informed of and complying with PGW handbooks, guidelines, policies and procedures, including changes which may be made from time to time.

#### 7. **Communications -** Further detailed in the Communications Policy

i. As a publicly listed company on the New Zealand Stock Exchange (NZX), the PGW Group has strict rules around the way we communicate with our shareholders and the investment community. These rules prohibit selective disclosure of information and also require PGW to disclose material information on a continuous basis. Strict penalties can be imposed in the event of any breach of these rules, and will also result in a loss of public confidence in the integrity of PGW, its Board and management.

- ii. The Communications Policy is a key part of maintaining and enhancing PGW's reputation. This is a fundamental responsibility as maintaining PGW's good reputation is a key business priority. Public communications are an important aspect of our continual efforts to build up trust and provide for consistent delivery of the corporate brand.
- iii. Our Communications Policy provides guidelines for how PGW employees should act in their daily communications between employees, and externally with customers, shareholders, stakeholders, government and the wider community. Please refer to the Communications Policy for further detail.

#### 8. Preserve Confidentiality

i. You must protect the confidentiality of and intellectual property rights in all non-public information about the PGW Group. Except where required by law, you must not discuss PGW information with outsiders or other PGW Group team members who do not have a specific need to know. PGW Group information includes information about our customers, suppliers, PGW team members and business. Please also refer to PGW's Privacy Policy for guidelines on dealing with personal information.

## 9. Legal and Regulatory Compliance

- i. PGW needs to be able to carry out its business activities in a way that maximises business opportunities, has due regard to all applicable legal and regulatory requirements, and minimises PGW's exposure to unacceptable risk. To enable compliance, you must be confident that you are working within appropriate legal boundaries, through knowledge of PGW's obligations, and with the assistance of compliance tools and specialist support. Failure to understand and act within appropriate compliance boundaries can result in a number of negative consequences, including but not limited to, customer dissatisfaction, ineffective allocation of resources, missed business opportunities, failed business ventures, negative publicity, penalties and damages, litigation and the potential loss of customers.
- ii. The accountability and responsibility for risk and compliance (including legal compliance) sits with the head of each Business Unit or Corporate function. It is their role to identify their risk areas, legal obligations and compliance needs. Business Unit and Corporate Managers are responsible for developing and enhancing their processes to ensure all their activities take account of any relevant legal obligations.
- iii. It is specifically noted here that PGW Team members must not mislead customers, suppliers, competitors or the public in business and trade dealings, nor enter any agreement or understanding with any competitor about price, terms or conditions of sale, distribution, territories or customers. You must not exchange or discuss with a competitor pricing, marketing plans, supply costs or other competitive information.
- iv. If you have any concerns about legal or regulatory compliance, you are able to seek specialist assistance to resolve these concerns and to ensure the most appropriate response. Each Business Unit and Corporate function has available to it an internal risk resource and internal and external legal resource.
- v. To assist with legal/regulatory compliance, you can utilise a number of tools in place at PGW including:
  - a. Management Certificate process
  - b. Risk Registers
  - c. Business Unit or Corporate function specific compliance projects
  - d. Compliance Training.

# About this policy

#### **Breaches**

You have a personal responsibility to follow these standards and incorporate, and to encourage others to incorporate, the principles of the Code of Conduct into your work. Any breaches of this Code of Conduct must be reported to your manager, an appropriate PGW Executive team member or Human Resources. Any confirmed material breach of the Code of Conduct resulting in serious disciplinary consequences for the relevant team member(s) (whether or not there has also been breaches of other PGW Policies or Standards in respect of those events), will be notified to the PGW Board by the GM People & Safety.

Any suggestion of breach regarding another individual or organisation will be dealt with confidentially and on a case-by-case basis. The PGW Board and PGW Executive Management will not tolerate harassment or victimisation of anyone raising a genuine concern in accordance with this Code of Conduct.

Allegations of serious wrongdoing can be reported under PGW's Whistle-Blower Policy.

Disregard for, or failure to comply with, this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, up to and including summary dismissal, for employees, and termination of contract for independent contractors and consultants.

### Clarification and Exceptions

If you require clarification about any aspect of this Code of Conduct, please contact your manager or the Human Resources team. There are no exceptions to this policy.

#### **Training**

Within each employee's PeopleLink profile on Bushwire, PGW has an e-learning certification about this Code of Conduct (as part of the mandatory certification named PGW Policies). It is compulsory for all employees to complete as part of their induction and whenever the content is updated.

# Compliance

Monitoring compliance with this Code of Conduct is the responsibility of GM People & Safety who will report to the PGW Board any material issues that arise.

### Related policies and documents

This Code of Conduct is supported by all PGW Policies, standards, processes, procedures, guidelines, templates, including but not limited to:

Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy	Individual Employment Agreements
Communications Policy	Environment Policy
Company Values (as per Appendix)	Fraud Prevention and Response Policy
Conflict of Interest Policy	Information Technology Policies
Continuous Disclosure Policy	Motor Vehicle Policy
Contracts for Services / Consultancy Agreements	Privacy Policy
Corporate Governance Code	Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy
Delegation of Authority Policy	Securities Trading Policy and Guidelines
Disciplinary Policy & Procedures	Staff Travel and Expenses Policy
Diversity and Inclusion Policy	Whistle-Blower Policy

Full policy documentation of the related policies and documents listed above can be found on the PGW Company Policies Bushwire page.

## Review

This Policy is to be reviewed every 3 years. Minor changes to this policy can be approved at any time by the Policy Owner and General Manager Corporate Affairs.

# **Appendix 1**

## 1.1 Company Values

#### ALIST - Values for all PGW Team members

**Accountability:** Stand by our word and meet commitments.

Be accountable to our customers and each other.

**Leadership:** Set standards and exceed expectations.

Take action and strive to excel.

Lead through innovation.

**Integrity:** Operate ethically and with integrity.

Treat others with respect.

Act professionally.

**Smarter:** Find ways to be more effective and efficient.

Think, decide and act quickly (without compromising quality).

Learn from mistakes and celebrate successes.

**Teamwork:** Share knowledge and information.

Work together to create solutions.

Think and act as One PGW.

#### TO LEAD - Leadership Behaviours for all PGW Managers (in addition to ALIST)

Take care:

Build a safe and healthy working environment where wellbeing drives resilience, stamina, energy, and performance.

- Consciously builds "my 50%" in maintaining my own energy and building resilience to face the challenges of the role.
- Able to build and support resilience in others.
- Understands the key drivers of a safe and healthy workplace and how to manage these.

Own it:

Makes decisions and communicates as a business "owner", accepts natural tensions but fronts decisions as own.

- Makes commercial decisions that drive results for our shareholders.
- Understands the concept of "Internal Debate, External Cohesion" argue inside the room, advocate outside of the room.
- Keeping customer needs at the forefront of any decisions.
- Acting as the guardian of PGW legacy for future generations with sustainable choices.

Lead people:

Creates high performing teams through engaged and motivated people.

- Prioritising the needs of our people and providing them with support, room to experiment and innovate (understanding that this will drive business results).
- Is recognised as someone who genuinely cares about the people that they lead and knows what is important to them.
- Creating a team culture that drives a high level of engagement.
- Can motivate others to drive individual performance and to meet team goals.

Evolve:

Leads commercially beneficial change and is transparent, trustworthy, and available.

- Manages change and is able to identify and communicate associated business benefits.
- Understands and responds to stakeholder needs during change processes.
- Is recognised as a Leader who can be trusted to act in the best interests of stakeholders.
- Can take their team on a "journey" and build engagement of and acceptance for change.

Authentic you:

Brings best self as a Leader, evaluates strengths, and gaps and understands personal impact on others.

- Ensure a high level of awareness around your Leadership brand.
- Seeks feedback and reflects on opportunities to improve.
- Present your true self to the business, building trust and rapport by being genuinely "you".
- Be loyal to PGW and live by company and personal values in addition to our Leadership behaviours.

Develop:

Strategically thinks and plans to develop the business and the team with an eye to the future.

- Understands changing markets and customer needs and can identify opportunities to adapt our business in response.
- Keeps a focus on continuous improvement.
- Can identify what skills individuals and teams need to deliver against business strategy and how to perform a gaps analysis and then build these skills.
- Knows how individuals learn and can put in place and action plan to build capability.

# 1.2 Guidelines to making decisions at PGW

If faced with a difficult decision or issue during the course of your daily work activities, ask yourself;

- Is it legal and ethical?
- Am I acting in accordance with PGW's Company Values, policies and procedures?
- After using common sense and good judgement, does it feel right?
- Could I explain it to family, friends and colleagues and am I comfortable with my name being associated with it?
- Would I be comfortable if it appears in the media?

Should you not be able to answer 'yes' to any of the above, always seek guidance from your Manager.